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GRAY OF 233 DRIVER OF MONTH

President Leo Bauer and other officers and members of Teamsters Local Union 233, Indianapolis are proud of their Brother Frank Walter Gray, meat truck driver for Kingan & Co., who has been named Driver of the Month for June by the Indiana Motor Truck Assn.

Brother Gray, 32 and a war veteran, lives at 815 Main street, Shelbyville.

The act which won him the IMTA honor was saving the life of a South Bend traffic accident victim.

For this he was honored also with a life-saving certificate by the Indianapolis Safety Council, as reported in the press and "The International Teamster."

According to these reports the certificate was presented to Gray by Frank L. Cochran, general chairman of the Safety Council, at a dinner meeting in the U. S. S. Ban-Doo in Ravenswood.

Gray's award was made for the aid he gave 17-year-old John Gillen, nephew of a South Bend assistant chief of police, June 19 while driving his state delivery route.

The youth, who suffered a fractured left leg and a severed leg artery, was aided by a handkerchief tourniquet fashioned by Gray. Hospital authorities said the prompt attention saved the boy's life.

Gray slipped away from the accident scene after police arrived and his identity was determined only through a newspaper picture taken of his first aid action.

Nomination of Gray for Driver of the Month was made by E. B. Mayhew, employment manager of the Kingan company.

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LABOR IN ALL-OUT CAMPAIGN TO BEAT CAPEHART



Denouncing the anti-labor record of Senator Homer Capehart as a "disgrace to Indiana," representatives of the Indiana State Federation of Labor, Indianapolis Central Labor Union and the Marion County unit of Labor's League for Political Education discussed plans in the Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, August 9 for defeating Capehart in the next election.

Left to Right: Richard A. Kinnaman, of Teamsters Union 198; Ted Williams, International Laundry Workers Union; Carl Mullen, President ISFL; C. E. Davis, President Teamsters 188; George E. Frieje, Bakery Workers Union, and Clyde McCormack, Central Labor Union.



Charles Swain, driver for Commercial Motor Freight, Columbus, is shown (right) receiving the first claim to be collected by Teamsters Local 694 on the new Over-the-Road insurance plan. The check was presented by President Herman LaMaster in the union office in Columbus. The check represents a sick benefit of three weeks. Mr. LaMaster says that less than one week's time was required by the local union to collect the settlement for Brother Swain. Brother Swain is steward at the Commercial Freight Co. and is doing a fine job.

ELMER BRINER DIES

Officers and members of Local 694 are sorry to learn of the death of Brother Elmer O. Briner, former representative of this local in Crothersville.

Taxi Delegates To State Meet

EVANSVILLE—Taxicab Drivers Local No. 11 has elected William Marshall, president; James Scott, vice-president, and Martin Winger, recording secretary, official representatives to the Indiana State Federation of Labor convention at Indianapolis.

Lloyd Rhoads will be a LU delegate.

Possible War Put In Contract By Miller, 417

VINCENNES—A unique labor-management contract, with pay raises depending in part on a declaration of war, has been signed by the Bierhaus Wholesale Grocery Co. here with Teamsters Local No. 417.

The two-year contract, according to Charles Miller, business representative of

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Building Trades In State Meet

EVANSVILLE—The 33rd annual convention of the Indiana State Building, Construction and Trades council will be held here Saturday and Sunday, August 26 and 27. C. B. Birdsong is chairman of the committee on arrangements.

Convention planners say sessions will start at 10 a. m. Saturday.

SAFE MAYFLOWER DRIVERS LISTED

By F. D. OWENS

We congratulate Mayflower driver John B. Riney on completing 10 years of driving without a chargeable accident and for a total of 497,242 miles. That's a lot of times around the world, at the rate of 25,000 miles a trip.

Also, in looking over the reports for July of R. J. Magnus, Aero Mayflower safety director, we see that six van drivers have completed three safe years each, four drivers two years each and eight drivers one year each. Mr. Magnus lists them thus:

Three years—Eugene A. Blunk, Cecil L. Cain, Ernest L. Lignitz, John C. Pulliam, George F. Rob-

ison and Walter F. Schelhorn.
Two years—Beverly E. Albert, Hurschel Spangler, Lonnie M. Stanley and Paul M. Sutton.
One year—Joseph Carter, Harry J. Coleman, Robert Farmer, Jr., Jack W. Hyatt, Elmer Protogle, Lora A. Rector, Leonard W. Trout and Joseph C. Wainscott.
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CANDIDATES TO BE VOTED ON IN NEXT ELECTION

Prospective Law Maker May Be Your Friend, One Your Enemy!

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Republicans

Democrats

Adams and Wells
Ervin L. Fox
410 W. Wabash St.
Bluffton

Allen—3
Richard B. Fishering
1018 Kinnaird St.
Fort Wayne

W. O. Hughes, '39-'49
325 Grove St.
Fort Wayne

Paul C. Moellering, '43-'49
2518 Florida Drive
Fort Wayne

Allen and Whitley
John H. Cleland
620 Vance Ave.
Fort Wayne

Bartholomew
Elmer H. Nolting
918 Fifth St.
Columbus

Benton and White
Glenn R. Slenker, '35-'49
602 W. Broadway
Monticello

Blackford and Grant
Oren E. Felton
R. R. 2
Fairmount

Boone
Ora A. Kincaid
128 W. Fordice St.
Lebanon

Brown and Jackson
Melvan A. Richards
Trevlac

Carroll and Cass
Robt. S. Justice, '45-'47-'49
R. R. 2
Logansport

Cass
Frederick Landis
801 21st St.
Logansport

Clark
Charles O. Hendricks
Speed

Clay
Emerson (Col.) Knust
R. R. 1
Cory

Clinton
H. P. Heavilon, '45-'47-'49
R. R. 6
Frankfort

Crawford and Harrison
Sam Riely, '47
Wyandotte

Davies
Russell Colbert, '43-'49
R. R. 2
Washington

Dearborn and Ohio
William M. Krider
471 Ridge Ave.
Lawrenceburg

Decatur and Jennings
H. H. Wilson, '49
R. R. 5
Greensburg

DeKalb
Charles T. Miser, '41-'49
718 S. Peters St.
Garrett

Delaware—2
Joseph B. Davis
1154 W. Jackson St.
Muncie

Jesse E. Greene
Daleville

Dubois and Martin
Frank J. Seng, '48-'49
302 E. 6th St.
Jasper

VOTE TO PROTECT YOUR JOB!

The next session of the Indiana Legislature will meet early in 1951 to make laws affecting every man, woman and child in this state. As always, special interests, led by the Chamber of Commerce, will be there to help the rich get richer and the poor get poorer.

These special interests have their candidates in the open field running for election or re-election to both houses next November 7.

It behooves every working man and woman to find out for himself who the stinker is in his district and then vote against that candidate.

You will need friends in the legislature when bills are introduced to increase living costs and reduce housing facilities, to reduce social security, avoid paying the soldiers' bonus; bills by railroad interests to restrict trucking; bills by professional blue noses to abolish beer and liquor deliveries; bills by labor-haters to go Taft-Hartley one better.

Find out who your friends are among the candidates and vote for them. They will vote to help save your job and standard of living.

Most districts have two candidates for both lower and upper houses, as shown by this incomplete list. If you will attend their political meetings, ask the candidates themselves or consult your district political leaders you should discover the good from the bad.

Note: Dates after candidates' names show years they have served in previous legislative assemblies.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Republicans

Democrats

Elkhart—2
Earl L. Aders
723 E. Jackson Blvd.
Elkhart

Thomas M. Long, '43-'49
1618 Wood St.
Elkhart

Fayette and Franklin
Emerson Cloyd
1022 N. Main St.
Brookville

Floyd
Evan A. McLinn, '47
511 E. Main St.
New Albany

Fountain
Thomas B. Crigler, '47-'49
204 E. Washington St.
Attica

Fulton and Pulaski
Alpha Hoessel, '39-'49
R. R. 2
Kewanna

Gibson
B. W. Johnson
Owensville

Grant
John R. Feighner
121 N. Washington St.
Marion

Greene
Joseph Homer Walls
R. R. 1
Bloomfield

Hamilton
Robert S. Webb, '49
R. R. 1
Arcadia

Hancock and Madison
W. L. Hollingsworth
2010 N. Main St.
Anderson

Hendricks
Roly West, '49
Star Route
Amo

Henry
Clem Conway
R. R. 1
Mooreland

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Republicans

Democrats

Henry and Rush
Philip H. Wilkie, '49
601 N. Harrison St.
Rushville

Howard
James L. Scott
R. R. 2
Greentown

Howard and Tipton
Robert D. Harris, '47
R. R. 6
Kokomo

Huntington
Frederick M. Mowrer
1858 Dean St.
Huntington

Jasper and Newton
Wm. A. Woodworth, '49
522 Home Ave.
Rensselaer

Jay
Ralph G. Hines, '47-'49
1422 S. Meridian St.
Portland

Jefferson and Scott
H. M. Copeland, '39-'49
Hanover

Johnson and Marion
K. F. Blackwell, '43-'45-'47
R. R. 1
Franklin

Knox
Clovie Robinson
1165 Sycamore St.
Vincennes

Knox and Pike
Frank R. Downen
303 N. 4th St.
Vincennes

Kosciusko
Frank O. Rarick, '49
112 N. Washington St.
Warsaw

LaGrange and Steuben
D. W. Gleason, Jr., '47-'49
114 E. Woodard Ave.
Angola

Lake—5
Herman M. Anderson
1417 Adams St.
Gary

Wright A. Beasey
377 Adams St.
Gary

Arthur L. Bradburn, Jr.
7220 Woodmar Ave.
Hammond

Emma Payton
7005 Chestnut Ave.
Hammond

Leon E. Walker
771 Fillmore St.
Gary

Lake and Porter
Charles L. Dahlin
4720 104th St.
East Chicago

LaPorte
Henry A. Kreft, '43-'49
503 Walker St.
Michigan City

LaPorte and Starks
Forrest D. Link
1103 Indiana Ave.
LaPorte

Lawrence
Ed. Haverly, '49
1016 W. Main St.
Mitchell

Madison—2
Charles H. Hartley, '47
508 Grand Ave.
Anderson

George W. McDermott
303 Walnut St.
Alexandria

FOR BOTH HOUSES OF IND. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Find Out Who Is Right In Your District and Vote Accordingly

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Republicans Democrats

Marion—11

Alambert W. Brayton
5280 Primrose Ave.
Indianapolis

Earl Buchanan
1215 King Ave.
Indianapolis

George S. Diener
5924 Graceland Ave.
Indianapolis

Addison M. Dowling
5159 Park Ave.
Indianapolis

Nelle B. Downey, '41-'47
3435 N. Pennsylvania St.
Indianapolis

Thomas C. Hasbrook
6001 Haverford Ave.
Indianapolis

John E. King, '29
1120 Pleasant St.
Indianapolis

Leo L. Kriner
R. R. 8, Box 593
Indianapolis

William Davis Mackey
3203 Boulevard Place
Indianapolis

J. Perry Meek
3742 N. Pennsylvania St.
Indianapolis

Mrs. Fern E. Norris
2444 N. Meridian St.
Indianapolis

John Bartee
4847 Guilford Ave.
Indianapolis

Sarah Louise Beasley
R. R. 16, Box, 485-A
W. 98th St., Indianapolis

Ernie Rex Burks, '49
2026 Hobart St.
Indianapolis

Bernard E. Cantwell
55 N. Worth St.
Indianapolis

Donald J. Corriden
5413 Graceland Ave.
Indianapolis

Carroll Martin Dennis, '49
1325 Main St.
Beech Grove

Mabel A. Dunn, '49
2334 N. Pennsylvania St.
Indianapolis

William L. Pogleson
4946 E. 18th St.
Indianapolis

Harry T. Latham, Jr., '49
5508 Primrose Ave.
Indianapolis

Charles H. Money
2837 Guilford Ave.
Indianapolis

David Probststein
8350 College Ave., Apt. 1
Indianapolis

Marshall

H. E. Danielson, '47-'49
115 Ewing St.
Plymouth

Miami

D. Elbert Brown
338 W. 13th St.
Peru

Monroe

Norman J. Neely
721 University St.
Bloomington

Montgomery

Otto L. Reddish, '49
R. F. D. 2
Crawfordsville

Morgan

John E. Sedwick, Jr., '49
410 Harrison St.
Martinsville

Noble

Laurence D. Baker, '45-'49
433 N. Main St.
Kendallville

Orange and Washington

James D. Allen, '49
R. F. D. 4
Salem

Owen and Putnam

David L. Grimes
R. R. 1
Fillmore

Parke

E. M. Woodward, '43-'45-'49
Bloomingsdale

Perry and Spencer

Wm. P. Birchler, '49
Cannelton

Posay, Vanderburgh and Warrick

Floyd F. Oursler
Cynthiana

Randolph

Merrett Reid Monks, '49
312 S. Main St.
Winchester

Ripley and Switzerland

Ralph A. Dunbar
309 N. Maple St.
Osgood

St. Joseph—3

Edward W. Beahm
611 Leland Ave.
South Bend

Zilford Carter, '47
226 N. Birdsell St.
South Bend

Patrick Brennan, '49
215 W. Marion St.
South Bend

Jesse L. Dickinson, '43-'45
1023 Talbott St.
South Bend

REGISTER! REGISTER!

You must be registered on the books of your election district in order to vote next November 7.

If you voted in the 1948 election and have not moved since then, you are registered.

If you voted in 1948 and have moved since that time you are not registered.

If you failed to vote in 1948 you are not registered. You may have been registered to vote in 1944 or 1946, but election books have been purged of every voter who did not vote in 1948.

If you have turned 21 since the 1948 election you are not registered.

You have until October 9 to register.

Go at once to your nearest registration place in Marion County or to your county court house in most counties outside Marion, and sign up for a vote in the next election. It isn't necessary to announce affiliation with any party. You can be an independent voter if you desire. But be a voter. Do your duty by yourself and your family. Help elect men and women to the Legislature who will make laws for YOUR benefit.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Republicans Democrats

Robert S. Currey
711 Benton St.
Mishawaka

Richard Newhouse, '47
Morristown

Alvin M. Jewell, '43
Hymers

Roman S. Korpel, '49
1410 N. Olive St.
South Bend

Shelby

Carson H. King
P. O. Box 24
Boggsdown

Sullivan

William O. Brown
212 Indiana Ave.
Sullivan

Tippecanoe

Jean C. Andrew, '41-'49
West Point

William James Schrader
924 N. 10th St.
Lafayette

Tippecanoe and Warren

Cable G. Ball
402 S. 9th St.
Lafayette

William R. Singer
539 S. 3rd St.
Lafayette

Union and Wayne

Lothair Teetor, '45-'47-'49
R. F. D. 2
Hagerstown

Vanderburgh—3

Walter Acker
1417 S. Garvin St.
Evansville

Wm. M. Cockrum
1614 Parkside Drive
Evansville

Edward C. Macer
1001 Lincoln Ave.
Evansville

John E. Early
831 E. Chandler Ave.
Evansville

L. Meagher, '39-'41-'45-'49
3726 Stringtown Rd.
Evansville

Vermillion

Lang Helt, '49
Main St.
Dana

Ernest M. Beal
328 N. 9th St.
Clinton

Vigo—3

James A. Ball
1106 Sixth Ave.
Terre Haute

John D. Ennis
1000 S. 8th St.
Terre Haute

William F. Pollmer
2425 First Ave.
Terre Haute

Richard James Cronin
626 S. Sixth St.
Terre Haute

W. H. Maehling, '43-'49
2206 N. 11th St.
Terre Haute

J. F. Ryan, '31-'33-'47-'49
1227 S. 9th St.
Terre Haute

Wabash

Herman D. Hartman
426 N. Cass St.
Wabash

Bernice Ireland
R. R. 1
Roann

Wayne

John M. Harlan, '49
3112 S. East Parkway
Richmond

Joshua H. Allen
R. R. 2
Hagerstown

SENATE

Republicans Democrats

Adams, Blackford and Wells

Edward E. Liechty
818 W. Clark St.
Berne

Von A. Eichhorn, '39-'49
Box 57
Uniondale

Allen

Dorothy Gardner, '47-'49
305 Arcadia Court
Fort Wayne

Chester E. Watson, H. '31
613 Madison St., S. '33-'35
Fort Wayne

Bartholomew, Decatur, Franklin and Union

Milford E. Anness, '47-'49
Metamora

Irwin Reynolds
444 Wehmeier St.
Columbus

SENATE

Republicans Democrats

Benton and Tippecanoe

Charles M. Maddox, '47-'49
R. R. 1
Otterbein

Charles L. Crowe
1606 N. 12th St.,
Lafayette

Boone, Hamilton and Tipton

Roscoe Hollingsworth
1024 N. East St.
Lebanon

Wendell B. Iddings
817 Esser St.
Lebanon

Clark, Jefferson, Ohio and Switzerland

Posay W. Cooper, H. '43
Utica Pike
Jeffersonville

Warren W. Martin, Jr.
505 Stansifer Ave.
Clarksville

Crawford, Floyd and Harrison

Wm. C. Bates, '43-'49
Route 21
New Albany

Robert P. O'Bannon
118 Elliott Ave.
Corydon

Daviess and Knox

Clifford Farris
Elmora

Hugh Q. Stevens
1209 Old Orchard Rd.
Vincennes

Dearborn, Jennings and Ripley

Ed. Whitcomb/
Hayden

H. C. Bennett, H. '27-'29-'31
Dillsboro

Dubois, Perry and Spencer

Leo J. Stemle, '43-'49
R. R. 6
Jasper

Gibson and Pike

Edwin W. Beaman, '43-'49
235 S. Seminary St.
Princeton

Charles C. Killion
East Main St.
Petersburg

Grant

A. Burr Sheron
38th and By-Pass
Marion

Walter D. Lavengood
Swayzee

Hancock, Henry and Madison

Samuel E. Johnson, '43-'49
1011 Raible Ave., R.F.D. 3
Anderson

Edward Alley
120 W. 10th St.
Anderson

Howard and Miami

G. Richard Ellis
1425 Kingston Rd.
Kokomo

William W. Welsh
319 E. 6th St.
Peru

Huntington and Whitley

Carl J. Moldenhauer
R. 7
Huntington

Henry M. Bonewitz
R. 7
Huntington

Jasper, Newton, Porter and Pulaski

John W. Van Ness, '39-'49
603 Franklin St.
Valparaiso

Adams Earle Reynolds
805 Milroy Ave.
Rensselaer

Jay and Randolph

Charles H. Leavell, R. '37-'45
400 E. Franklin St.
Winchester

Lake

Thomas M. Hodges
309 W. 47th Ave.
Gary

Edw. L. Chubinski, '45-'47
3715 Main St.
East Chicago

Lawrence, Martin and Orange

Noble Ellis, '47-'49
North Maple St.
Orleans

Madison (Short Term)

Clarence D. Rotruck
330 W. 9th St.
Anderson

Ralph R. Ferguson
2223 Nichol Ave.
Anderson

Marion

Hoyt Moore, Sr., '43-'49
R. R. 3, Box 920
Indianapolis

Russel J. Dean, H. '31
908 N. Bolton Ave.
Indianapolis

Montgomery and Putnam

Richard O. Ristine
201 Indiana Ave.
Crawfordsville

Posay, Vanderburgh and Warrick

Jack A. Stone
916 S. E. 2nd St.
Evansville

Wilbur Baldwin, H. '49
New Harmony

St. Joseph

Harry S. Taylor
825 Askland Ave.
South Bend

Peter A. Beczkiewicz
1501 1/2 W. Western Ave.
South Bend

Sullivan and Vigo

Leslie Lyle Turner
445 S. Court St.
Sullivan

Jack J. O'Grady, '43-'49
2225 Crawford St.
Terre Haute

Wayne

Clem McConaha, '47-'49
R. R. 1
Centerville

Archie Casanta
1821 Peacock St.
Richmond

MUNCIE UNION PICKETS HUDSON OIL CO. AS UNFAIR

John Mofield Resigns From 369 To Operate Own Filling Station

MUNCIE—Strike of the Muncie Teamsters (Local 369) against the Hudson Service Station, 2410 South Madison street, continues and pickets inform the gas-buying public that this company is UNFAIR TO ORGANIZED LABOR.

D. E. Mahoney, head of the union, says that the company fired all its best employees for no reason other than the fact that they joined his union. Through attorney Robert M. Malarney the union has brought charges of unfair labor practices with the National Labor Relations Board.

The suit charges that William ZaBelle, Luther W. Smith, H. R. Hawkins, William Hoston and Leo Dubbe were discharged "because of membership in and activities in behalf of Teamsters Local Union No. 369."

MOFIELD BUYS STATION

An entirely different picture is presented at Broadway and Centennial, Muncie, where the City Service station has been taken over by Brother John Mofield, and made 100 per cent union.

In accepting Brother Mofield's resignation as their business representative, members of Local 369 have promised him their patronage, and that goes for his many other friends in this vicinity.

SUNNY ALSO FAIR

Sunny Service Station at 18th and Madison streets, Muncie, and the In and Out Station at Willard and Madison streets, under the same management, are also fair, as recorded in this publication last month, and should be patronized by friends of labor.

MILLION SAFE MILES—FOR SOMEBODY ELSE

Here's a record. Ed Smith has driven heavy hauling trucks for the Indiana Bridge Co. in Muncie for more than 10 years and through more than a million miles of traffic without a chargeable accident. Yet he himself, has never owned a motor car. He doesn't know what he's missed, paying for repairs and for things undid by the man making repairs.

CONTRACTS SIGNED

Teamsters Local 369 has signed new contracts with the Fullhart Sand & Gravel Co. for its ready mixed concrete employees; also the Builders Ready Mixed Concrete Co., giving union wages and working conditions to members involved.

The Delaware Trucking Co. contract has been renewed with a substantial wage increase and welfare clause for members of Local 369.

TRAGEDY HITS SHERIDAN HOME

Officers and members of Teamsters Union No. 135 were saddened to learn of the tragic death recent of Julia Ann Cline, two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cline of Sheridan.

The father is employed at the Indiana Condensed Milk Co. a truck of which is said to have struck the little girl when she ran into the street for a ball.

New Contracts for 144

TERRE HAUTE—Teamsters Local 144 reports new contracts with Belden Heating Co. and Crane Co., calling for pay boosts and a pension plan.

Kadlee Signs Concrete Cos.

MICHIGAN CITY—E. J. Kadlee, Teamster business representative, announced the signing of Kringel Ready-mix Concrete Company and the LaPorte Ready-mix to contracts. The Teamsters now have all ready-mix companies signed that come under their jurisdiction.

ICE MEN NAME SELTY

EVANSVILLE—Ice Men's Local 582 of the Teamsters here has elected Dallas Seltz recording secretary succeeding Wilford Tooley who has resigned to drive for a bakery.

MILLER SEES POSSIBLE WAR IN CONTRACT

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the union, calls for a guaranteed 48-hour week, six paid holidays with an extra day's pay when a holiday falls in vacation week.

The new contract, which ended a two-week strike, calls for an immediate raise retroactive to last April 7.

The war clause provides for an additional increase if war breaks out between Russia and the United States or Russia and the United Nations. This increase would be retroactive to prior of such a declaration.

If war doesn't break out by April 7, 1957, the union members receive an increase beginning on that date. Subsequently, they will receive an additional hourly boost if war breaks out after April 7, 1951, with the increase retroactive to the declaration of war.

State Labor Conciliator Robert Auttersen was instrumental in ending the dispute and drawing up the acceptable agreement.

Riney, Other Mayflower Men Make Records

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Notice: Members of Local 193! There are still some contracts in the city to be negotiated, so watch your bulletin boards for notices.

Brother Chester A. Sokolowski, operator for Mayflower, who broke his leg July 7, will be in the hospital for two months and will be off until the first of the year before returning to work. A number of the drivers have given donations here at Indianapolis and on the road. Anyone who has not been contacted should send a card direct to him, at the Fairview Hospital, LaPorte, Ind.

We are unhappy also to report that Brother Asher Kennedy has been injured in an accident in New York City and is suffering a fractured skull.

The vacation season is about over, so Brothers, watch the school kiddies and remember the slogan, "The life you save might be your own child!"

Added Honor For Reisner

WASHINGTON—The organized trucking industry has paid new tribute to Lloyd Reisner, of Teamsters Local 135, Indianapolis who was named "Driver of the Year," by awarding him the industry's top honor—a "Pro Meritis" award.

Selection of the Indianapolis driver was made from a long list of nominees from every section of the country by an impartial panel American Trucking Associations, Inc.

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Mayflower Teamster Says He's Learned About a Fatal Sneeze

By SWEDE CARLBOM

Standing at the side of the road on top of a knoll with a stone mound for a base is a wooden cross outside of Denison, Texas. Parking my van up the road, I walked back and read a plaque at the base: "OLE OLESON DIED HERE 1812—KILLED BY A SNEEZE." Perplexed, I walked off down the knoll and noticed an old blacksmith shop across the road. An old man, evidently the smithy himself, sat on a bench alongside the shop. He waved for me to come over.



"Good day," said he, "I conclude you are interested in knowing about the cross over yonder."

When I said I was, he motioned me to sit down beside him. Then he began to relate how way back in 1812 two young and healthy Swedes—Ole and Oscar—landed in New York City from the old country fired with a great spirit of ambition to trek out west to seek their fortunes prospecting for gold. As they were fairly well-to-do, they purchased a covered wagon, a good team of horses, provisions, guns ammunition, a dog and—as an afterthought—an extra horse with saddle.

On a beautiful day in May they crossed the Hudson River on a ferry and began the trek westward. The first months were rather uneventful. They met up with some Indians but they were all friendly and mostly adhered to trading. Slowly they rolled over hills and plains taking turns in driving the wagon and in riding their single saddle horse on short scouting trips. In August they arrived at the border of what is now Oklahoma.

One night, shortly after, they were set upon by a band of outlaws. Ole and Oscar fought a hard battle—but a losing one. As the dawn came creeping over the mountains Ole found Oscar badly wounded with one bullet in his leg and another in his hip. Their riding horse was shot dead, also their dog, and most of their provisions had been looted.

Ole dressed Oscar's wounds and placed him inside the wagon. Somewhat crestfallen, they traveled on. The jolts of the wagon were too much for Oscar. He couldn't stand the pain so they decided to make camp.

That night they were surrounded by a band of hostile Indians who circled the camp and shot flaming arrows at the covered wagon. Ole pulled Oscar to safety as the wagon burst into flames. Then he cut the horses loose, grabbed up his gun and—in the weird light from the burning wagon—picked off as many Indians as came within range. At last, with piercing war whoops, the Indians rode off into the hills.

Morning found the camp in utter desolation. All that remained of the wagon were the iron hubs and axles. Strawn about were dead Indians and horses.

Ole carried Oscar to a puddle of muddy water in a nearby meadow. There he washed and re-dressed Oscar's wounds but alas, it was too late for gangrene had set in. That afternoon Oscar passed through Valhalla gates into Viking heaven. Ole buried Oscar in the meadow.

For days and days Ole walked westward with a heavy heart. Then one night while Ole was asleep a stray Indian stole his gun. The country seemed desolate and unsettled. Ole became feverish from lack of food and water. In a few days, as his strength gave out, he was unable to go any farther.

He finally collapsed on top of a knoll where he lay in the blazing sun. His throat dried up. His tongue became parched. That night he lost consciousness.

Toward morning he came to, with fever shaking his whole body. He scanned the horizon in hope of seeing some human being and with ebbing strength he waved his hat to attract attention.

Late in the day he saw, in the far off distance, what looked to be a human and with feverish eyes he watched the object come closer. Frantically he waved his hat but the effort proved too much and he fell into a coma. Still possessed of the will to live, he felt a soft hand touch his burning brow. He looked up.

A young girl was kneeling beside him. She told a vivid story about how her parents left their homestead over two months ago to get provisions at a far off trading post, leaving her alone at the cabin. How she waited for their return these many weeks but was now convinced that they had been killed by some roving Indians. How she finally decided to go out seeking help.

A glint of hope passed over Ole's face. He pleaded with the girl to try to help him get to her cabin. There, said he, they would start life anew when his strength returned.

With the assistance of the girl and fired with new hope, he managed to straggle along although he crawled most of the way. After a night and a day, they arrived at the cabin.

Ole dropped across the threshold and begged for water. But there wasn't any. The girl told him it hadn't rained for months; the well and creek were bone-dry.

He asked for bread but the last crumb had been eaten weeks ago. He asked for flour but she had scraped the flour barrel several days ago. He pleaded with her to scrape it again, for the sake of her life as well as his. She tried.

Ole could hear the hollow rasping of the empty flour barrel being scraped. As the girl advanced with a cupful of flour, she cupped her free hand over it for fear a whiff of wind would blow some away. An expression of the will to live could be seen in his bulging eyes. He saw in her hand a means to bring on life and ward off death.

She knelt and placed her dainty hand, holding the flour, close to his swollen parched lips. With an excited and feverish look in his eyes, he opened his mouth. He seemed to hesitate. Then, with a violent shudder, he sneezed and the precious flour was blown out of the girl's hand.

Ole stared in despair at her empty hand and then his head drooped dejectedly to one side. He tried to rise but toppled over and Ole passed—like his buddy Oscar—through the Valhalla gates into Viking heaven. Hence, the wooden cross at Denison, Texas.

Working Toward Unity



Washington.—Four members of the AFL-CIO Permanent Unity Committee, due to meet in August in Chicago, are, l. to r., AFL President William Green, AFL Vice-President Daniel J. Tobin, CIO Vice-Presidents Allan S. Haywood and Walter Reuther.